

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2064 - SB 1971

February 12, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to have jurisdiction over the design, erection, installation, and maintenance of tourist oriented directional signs (TOD signs) on the state highway system including those signs within limits of incorporated municipalities.

Requires the removal of unlawful signs, at the expense of the advertiser, that were installed without authorization. Requires the TDOT to establish a TOD sign permit system and inventory by January 1, 2017. Authorizes the TDOT to contract with other entities to develop, implement, or administer the permit system and to require an annual fee for each TOD sign permit, equal to an amount sufficient to defray the expenses incurred by TDOT in developing, implementing, and administering the permit system and inventory.

Authorizes the TDOT to prescribe by rule in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act the method in which TDOT permits are issued. Prohibits installation of any TOD signs until a permit system is developed.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to TDOT, the department's current inventory and permit process meets the requirements of the proposed legislation. As a result, it is assumed this bill codifies the current practice of the department.
- Any change in state expenditures to TDOT to accomplish the requirements of the bill is estimated to be not significant.
- TDOT will not impose any additional permits or fees; therefore, any change in state permit fee revenue to TDOT is estimated to be not significant.
- According to TDOT, twelve signs will have to be removed from the City of Sevierville.
- It is assumed that any expenditure associated with the removal of such existing signs will be at the expense of the advertiser pursuant to the requirement specified in the bill.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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